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## **Search Notes**

Examiner Katherine,

Please find enclosed the results of your search request.

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# STIC EIC 3600 Search Request Form

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What is the focus of this search?

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basically, electronic ordering via a computer or internet.  
Ordering a configurable item (like a PC - specify RAM, harddrive, etc)  
The vendor's software has a validation function to determine if  
the order is a valid configuration (that PC can have that amt of memory,  
a CD writer drive, etc)

Regardless of whether the configuration is valid, the order is sent on  
electronically for approval.

After Approval, continue processing order.  
→ If configuration is not valid, allow further processing while  
obtaining missing or incorrect data. Once order is complete &  
approved, revalidate to make sure configuration is still  
valid.

need Dialogue & NPC search. Thanks.

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# MULTI-VENDOR INTEGRATION PROCESS FOR INTERNET COMMERCE

## ABSTRACT

A method for automatically processing electronic customer orders for configurable products. In one embodiment, a web site that is operable to access a vendor ordering application receives a user who is electronically transferred from a web site or computer that is operable to access an electronic procurement application. Next, the vendor ordering application allows creation of an electronically placed order for a configurable product. The vendor ordering application determines whether any product is configured properly; however, the order will be allowed to proceed even if all the required order processing information is not yet provided. The vendor ordering application then transfers an electronic copy of the incomplete order to the electronic procurement application. Next, the vendor application receives an approval for the order, along with the rest of the required order information. At this point, the vendor application checks to see if the purchase order information is complete and valid.

Customer accesses vendor ordering application via web or customer's computer. Accesses electronic procurement application, which creates an electronic order for a customized configuration of a product. Vendor ordering application determines if configuration is valid, and sends order for approval even if it is NOT valid. Vendor ordering application sends the order, valid or invalid, to electronic procurement application. Then vendor ordering app. gets approval & the rest of the required information →